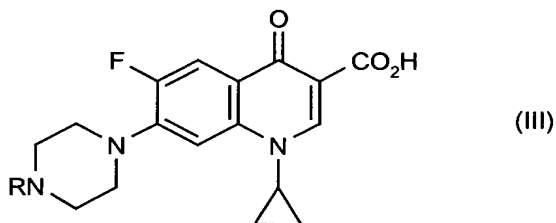


**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

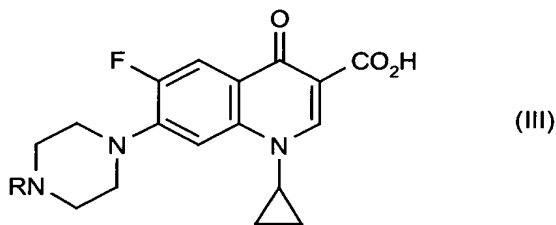
1. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method for controlling bacterial diseases of the respiratory organs in humans and animals by local administration of an antibacterially effective amount of solid betaine of the formula (III)



R = H, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>

- ~~and/or~~ or its solid slightly soluble salt.
2. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1 for controlling lung diseases caused by bacteria.
  3. (currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1 ~~or 2 by local administration of an antibacterially effective amount of solid betaine of the formula (III) according to Claim 1 and/or its~~ , wherein the salt is the embonate.
  4. (cancelled)
  5. (cancelled)
  6. (currently amended) ~~Devices~~ A device suitable for administration by inhalation of solid active ingredient and containing a preparation ~~preparations~~ with at least one of the compounds defined in Claim 1 , 3 or 10 ~~or 3~~.

7. (currently amended) ~~Devices~~ The device according to Claim 6, designed as a powder inhaler ~~inhalers~~.
8. (currently amended) ~~Devices~~ The device according to Claim 6, designed as a suspension spray ~~sprays~~.
9. (new) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the salt is the embonate.
10. (new) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the salt is the hemiembonate.
11. (new) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the salt is the hemiembonate.
12. (new) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the salt is a mixture of the embonate and the hemiembonate.
13. (new) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the salt is a mixture of the embonate and the hemiembonate.
14. (new) A method for controlling bacterial diseases of the respiratory organs in humans by local administration of an antibacterially effective amount of solid betaine of the formula (III)



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